H'N'B'E MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*a*) The question is hypothetical. It is likely that unrestricted import of copra at low prices would adversely affect the price of cocoanut produce in the State.

(*b*) The question will be taken up if occasion arises.

(*c*) The Government of India are aware of the repercussions that may ensue in this country, as a result of indiscriminate import of copra into India. Even at present imports are restricted, and there is at the moment a shortage of copra in the country on account of the fact that it has been found not possible to import even the limited quantities which are permitted,

*Securities held by Travancore.*

* 431. MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of securities held by Travancore on 1-6-24;

(*b*) the amount raised on these securities as it stands on 1-6-1124;

(*c*) the amount invested on the stock of Food Grains as it stands on 1-6-1124;

(*d*) the estimated annual net loss on the food grains purchase and sale by Government?

HON'BLE MR. A J JOHN: (*a*) I. Rs. 5,42,72,500.

(*b*) I. Rs. 478·25 lakhs on the deposit of securities to the value of Rs. 5,05,72,500.

(*c*) I. Rs. 45,00,000 approximately.

(*d*) About I. Rs. 3,36,00,000 per annum if no subsidy is granted.

*Branch lines by the Transport Department.*

* 432. MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Transport be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme to take over the branch lines by the Transport Department; and

(*b*) when will the Thengapattanam-Kuzhithura line be taken up?

HON'BLE MR. K. R. ELANKATH: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No time limit can be fixed now.

*Perunchani Scheme.*

* 433. MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state-

(*a*) the approximate period within which the Government expect to complete the Perunchani scheme.

(*b*) the nature of work now going on; and

(*c*) the expenditure till now incurred?

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